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INFESTATION CONTROL IN FTR

Objective

Ensure that the new program including DIANEX application is properly implemented in FTR.

Status

During this period, only 12 cigarette beetles were captured on pheromone traps installed in the factory. This shows that the cleaning program and DIANEX applications act effectively in keeping insect population at a low level.

One DIANEX application was made in May. Tobacco dust samples are being collected in the factory, at random, every two months. One sampling was made in February, another one in May. All samples were analysed for their methoprene (DIANEX active ingredient) residue concentrations. Methoprene residues, in each sample, were higher than the lowest efficacy limit of 1 ppm. Detailed results are available (1, 2).

Plan

Carry on with the next sampling and DIANEX application according to the following schedule:

July, week 28 : tobacco dust sampling
August, week 33 : DIANEX application
September, week 37 : tobacco dust sampling

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VISIT TO MTI DIRECTION IN ROME

Objective

- Present the PM Infestation Control program to the Direction of the Italian Tobacco Monopoly.

- Obtain MTI agreement to implement our program in the factories of PM cigarette production.

Status

A presentation of the program was made to the MTI Direction in Rome on May 17, 1990 and was well received. Afterwards, it was agreed that PME R&D would proceed to the implementation of the program in the factories of Verona, Bologna, Rovereto and Florence.

Plan

Implement the PM Infestation Control program in the factories (above) of PM cigarette production, starting with Verona. Review and distribute the Manual (by hand) to each local pest-control operator with proper training, during respective visits (to be scheduled).

VISIT TO PAPASTRATOS FACTORY/WAREHOUSES IN GREECE

Objective

- Review the current Infestation Control practices

- Implement the PM Infestation Control program.

Status

From May 28 to June 1, a visit was paid to the Papastratos factory/warehouse, where Marlboro under-licence production is made. A presentation of the Infestation Control program was made to the key Papastratos personnel. The presentation was well received.

Also, a complete sanitary inspection and distribution -marking- of pheromone trap positions were made in the Agrinion warehouses and the factory's Primary, Secondary and tobacco stores. Proper recommendations were made in a report (3).

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Plan

Organize a follow-up visit to Papastratos by mid-1991, together with a PM-USA R&D entomologist to distribute the PM Infestation Control Manual (by hand) to the local Pest Control Operator, and review the program.

VISIT TO MTI FACTORY IN VERONA, ITALY

Objective

- Review the current Infestation Control practices

- Implement the PM Infestation Control program.

Status

On June 26-29, 1990, a visit was paid to the MTI factory of Verona, where DIANA (DIS, DIK) cigarettes -under PM licence- are produced.

A presentation of the Infestation Control program was made to the key personnel of Verona factory, the warehouse Managers of Bologna, Rovereto and Florence, and the QC and Infestation Control Managers of Chiaravalle factory (possible future PM production site). The presentation was well received.
A complete sanitary inspection and pheromone-trap distribution (marking on factory maps) were made.
Proper recommentations were made. A report is being issued.

Plan

Organize a follow-up visit by mid-1991 to review/distribute (by hand) the PM Infestation Control Manual, with proper training, to the local pest-control operator.

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